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Early college gets a look by ISD board

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District board members were told Thursday the effort to achieve the designation of becoming an early college high school is well on its way.

One of the main issues discussed Thursday night was in regards to Big Spring ISD possibly being designated as an early college high school. If the school receives the designation, courses following the program will begin next semester.

The AVID (advancement via individual determination) program — a readiness system aimed at increasing school-wide learning and per-

formance — will also be added to the curriculum in order to better prepare BSISD students for a college career.

"If we get approved for the designation, classes will start next year with this year's eighth grade class. We aren't going to wait," Steven Saldivar, superintendent, said.

BSISD won't be able to apply for the designation until the end of February or early March when the application is released, but that isn't stopping officials from doing what they can to prepare.

"We have already started forming small committees so we can begin working on different aspects of the

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'DREAM' DEBUTS TONIGHT AT BSHS



Courtesy photo/Kerry Moore

Morgan Slaughter as Titania, Queen of Fairies, right, and Kolbi Wright as Dewdrop perform a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The Big Spring High School Drama Department will perform the William Shakespeare play at 7:30 p.m. tonight and 4:15 p.m. Saturday in the BSHS auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Ban lifted, but not in city

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

While county officials have given the go-ahead to lift the burn ban that has been in effect for more than a year-and-a-half, municipal officials warn city residents to be aware of local ordinances before burning any materials within the city limits.

Big Spring Fire Marshal

Carl Condray said the lifting of the ban — which Howard County Judge Mark Barr made official Monday during a meeting of the commissioners court — could cause some confusion among city residents.

"While the city of Big Spring supports the lifting of the burn ban and commends the commissioners court for the way they have regulated this



Condray

practice in the county, their action Monday also brings to light the need for better understanding of how this impacts the citizens of the city," Condray said.

"For the purposes of clarity and understanding, it is always against the law to

burn trash and yard waste within the city limits. It is also against the law to burn your lawn. This is regardless of any official burn ban enacted by the county commissioners, and those who break these laws will be subject to citations and fines. Each year we make too many runs on these types of calls and these actions are still just as illegal today as they were during the

county's burn ban."

Condray said firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department have enough challenges to contend with in the Crossroads area without having to deal with carelessness and area residents who refuse to know and obey the law.

"A large part of the complaints we receive are for

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Chamber to end year in black

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

The goal: not to end in the negative. Mission accomplished for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

During the organization's monthly meeting this week, Chamber Treasurer Mark Morgan delivered the financial report, indicating the chamber ending with \$2,600 net income for the year.

"Our goal is not to make a lot, just a little and not to end

in the negative," Morgan said. "It was a really good year."

The positive ending came after \$12,000 in membership dues was received. For the year, the chamber received a total of \$125,000 in membership dues, up from previous years.

The board was also presented with the proposed budget for 2012, which included a 3 percent pay raise for the chamber staff.

"If you don't stay with the cost of living then you run the risk of having to end up paying even more anyway when you have to hire someone at a higher rate," Morgan said.

The board approved the 2012



Morgan

budget with the pay raises included.

During the vice president's report, Terri Blackshear informed board members of the upcoming Business After Hours event at the Big Spring Country Club. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 7.

"They have a new chef and would like for everyone to come out," Blackshear said.

Another job fair is scheduled for April 24. Once again, the chamber will partner with SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) and the Workforce Solutions office to host the fair. More information will be provided as that date approaches.

Sherry Hodnett, community development vice president, reported health fair meetings

will begin next week for those on the committee. This year marks the 30th reunion of the health fair, which is scheduled for April 14.

There are still tickets available for the annual chamber banquet, scheduled for Jan. 31 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Sherri Key, chamber membership development vice president, reported there were no new members to be voted on this month. However, despite there not being any new members, the board did vote on four replacement members: Jerry Duenes, Manny Negron, Barbara Kirk-Norris and Tessa Reid.

"The board had four vacancies and these four people

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Obituaries

Debra Kay Clark



Debra Kay Clark, 50, of Granbury, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at Granbury. No service is scheduled. Visitation was held Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at Martin's Funeral Home.

Debra was born Feb. 10, 1961, in Midland to Billy Dee and Carolyn Wright Clark.

Survivors include a son, David Rose; daughters, Brandy Coleman, Meagan Capron, Heather Capron, Sarah Capron, Jacelyne Elliott; brothers, Cary Stiles, Wayne Clark, Mike Stiles; sisters Lynn Lair, Christi Wealott, Carolyn Stiles and Debra Lynn.

Robert Schenck



Robert Schenck, 42, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert was born in Big Spring, Texas, on Jan. 15, 1971. He enjoyed the outdoor life, camping and wanted to be a meteorologist. He collected coins of all kinds and loved

animals.

Robert is survived by one sister, Debbie Schenck of Midland; brothers, Allen Schenck of Greenwood, Johnny Schenck of Big Spring; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Roberta (Bobbie) Schenck; and a sister, Melody Gay.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paul 'Pete' Petree



Paul "Pete" Petree, 70, of Midland died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, in a Houston hospital. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Arthur Allen, High Priest of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at the Gilbreath

Funeral Home in Stanton.

He was born May 6, 1941, in Abilene. Paul was raised on a small farm outside of Stanton and attended Stanton High School. After graduation he worked for Texas Electric for 35 years. He married Eloise Schuelke and raised his family in Midland.

Survivors include a daughter, Kelli Hamilton of Midland; a son, Aaron Petree and wife Brandi of Katy; two sisters, Caryl Henderson and husband Larry of Big Spring and Betty Wagley of Bedais, Texas; one brother, David Petree of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Gary Lee Thompson

Gary Lee Thompson (Yank), 69, of San Angelo, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012, at a local hospital. Memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at the Primera Church of San Angelo. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Thompson of San Angelo; daughters, Scarlet Skifton and Christina Thompson of North Dakota, and Bridgette Thompson, Missy Parske and Rachel Thompson, all of San Angelo; and sons C.B. Thompson of Odessa and Kevin Thompson of Big Spring.

Support Groups

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parnts, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

• ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 32, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol level more than 0.15.

• FELICIA ALDRIDGE, 25, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 37, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

• TRISTAN MARCEL WARD, 20, of 2628 Dow, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to appear (four counts), no driver's license – when unlicensed and disregarding a stop sign.

• TYREE MAURICE WILLIAMS, 27, of 505 Union St., was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

• DAVID ARNULFO GARZA, 48, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 201, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.

• STEPHANIE ELAINE BAKER, 31, of 1606 Settles, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• ROY PAIZ GARCIA, 51, of 1212 E. 16th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of E. FM 700.

• THEFT was reported:
In the 600 block of Ridgelea Drive.
In the 200 block of FM 700.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

• FELICIA ALDRIDGE, 25, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a Texas Parole warrant for a parole violation for possession of a controlled substance.

• TRISTAN WARD, 20, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license, speeding, violation of a promise to appear and municipal warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear (three counts), running a stop sign and violation of a promise to appear.

• DAVID ARNULFO GARZA, 48, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• TYREE MAURICE WILLIAMS, 27, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

• SASHA M. TREVINO, 24, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• STEPHANIE ELAINE BAKER, 31, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspensaion.

• ROY PAIZ GARCIA, 51, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• BRITTANY CASTILLO, 19, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• LYDIA MARIE HERNANDEZ, 18, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• JERRY LIN WHITE, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for dog or cat running at large, assault – family violence and bail jumping – failure to appear (fine, two counts).

• RYAN ALLEN WARD, 18, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• HOWARD LEE SPACEK, 27, was booked into

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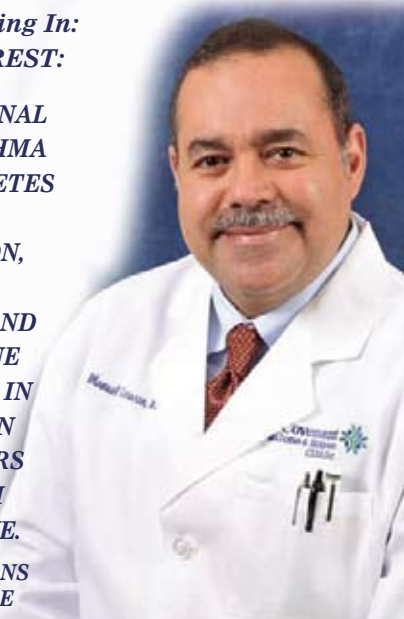
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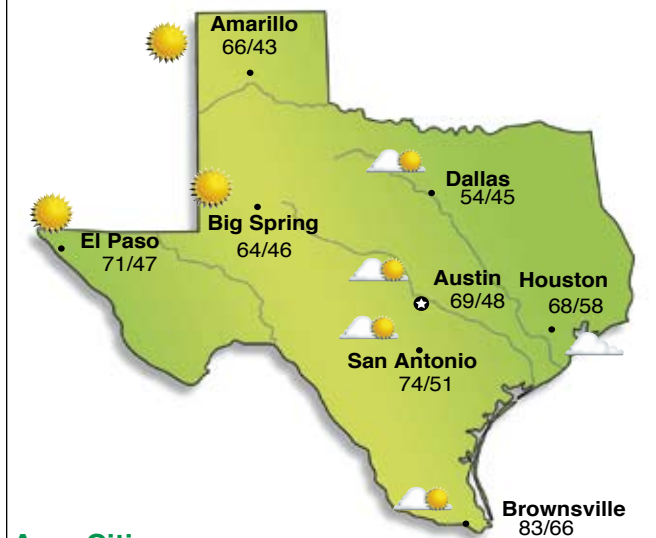


Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 1/21	Sun 1/22	Mon 1/23
 64/46 Mainly sunny. High 64F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	 67/39 Windy with times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 67/44 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	60	48	sunny
Amarillo	66	43	sunny
Austin	69	48	pt sunny
Beaumont	72	60	cloudy
Brownsville	83	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	62	49	sunny
Corpus Christi	75	61	pt sunny
Corsicana	53	44	pt sunny
Dallas	54	45	pt sunny
Del Rio	76	50	pt sunny
El Paso	71	47	sunny
Fort Stockton	76	51	sunny
Gainesville	51	40	mst sunny
Greenville	51	43	pt sunny
Houston	68	58	cloudy
Kingsville	81	61	pt sunny
Livingston	65	52	cloudy
Longview	56	49	cloudy
Lubbock	64	43	sunny
Lufkin	65	52	cloudy
Midland	69	50	sunny
Raymondville	82	63	pt sunny
Rosenberg	68	57	cloudy
San Antonio	74	51	pt sunny
San Marcos	70	48	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	52	47	cloudy
Sweetwater	61	48	sunny
Tyler	54	46	cloudy
Weatherford	53	41	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	51	40	sunny

the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief, failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and a Midland County warrant for driving under the influence of alcohol.

• JIMMY AHLER, 30, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• WAYNE VAUGHN BATEMAN, 20, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of no valid inspection certificate, no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 12th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

What's Happening

Jan. 26
Healthy Woman "Three Thrilling Years"
Dora Roberts Community Center
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For more info contact
Kim Howell at 432-268-4842

Jan. 28
Fraternal Order of Eagles 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off
Eagles Lodge 703 W. 3rd St.
Benefitting WTC Children In Need Fund
For More info contact
Landon Sturvidant at 264-3247

Jan. 31
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum 6pm-9pm
For more info contact the
Chamber at 432-263-7641

Feb. 3
Hangar 25 Annual Membership Meeting
Hangar 25 Museum
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- American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.
- As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.
- Mitchell County Senior Citizens Dance will be held at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 E. Second St. Jan. 26 from 7-10 p.m., \$5, snacks are welcome. Mike Potter and friend Kevin Rainwater will be performing. Everyone is welcome.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games, and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.
- Spring of Siloam, a Christian women's job training group, will hold its next 12-week session beginning Feb. 6. Applications for the session, which is free to the public, will be accepted through Feb. 2.

To submit an application, visit the group's web site at www.springofsiloam.org. For more information, call 432-213-2857.

- An account has been set up at T&P Credit Union for Herchel Lewis who is trying to rebuild his house at 904 E. 12th after a recent house fire claimed the house and the life of Doris Lewis. Lewis is asking for help to gather funds in order to rebuild the house, which his family has called home for more than 30 years. For more information, contact Lewis at 432-517-4308.
- American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.
- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.
- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

BSISD

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application," Saldivar said. "We have also started meeting weekly to look at the application and any other items needing to be discussed." A summer camp is also in the works for this year's eighth graders — who will be the first class in the early college high school at BSISD.

the kids excited about taking college courses," Saldivar said. By the end of April or early May, BSISD officials will know if the district qualifies to receive designation as an early college high school. Also, hazardous areas — areas which could pose a danger for students to cross in order to get to school — were a topic for discussion Thursday. With the recent audit, a few things were pointed out in the transportation department in regards to Texas Education Agency

guidelines. "Big Spring has no areas marked as hazardous which is very unusual," Wayland Pierce, director of transportation and maintenance at BSISD, said. Designation of hazardous areas in the community, according to Pierce, is part of the TEA funding criteria. Up to an additional 10 percent can be received by a school district, depending on the number of eligible bus riders that reside in designated hazardous areas. More consideration will be

given to the areas and a final map with designated hazardous areas will be placed on next month's agenda as an action item. During the meeting, 23 teachers were presented with certificates in recognition of their completion of Leadership Academy — a year-long volunteer course which focused on protocols and their benefits, design qualities and other ways to improve learning in the classroom. "This was really an eye opener, to be put in a room with our admin-

istrators and see how much they believe in us and how much they support us," Seneca Arguello, fourth grade teacher at Marcy, said. "It helped me to see we are all in the same boat and to know we are all there for the kids." Erica Botts, third grade teacher at Washington Elementary, added, "It was no longer just about me, a teacher at Washington Elementary school, but it was about every elementary, junior high and high school teacher." Other items briefly

discussed were:

- Approval of the audit report for 2011
- An expenditure more than \$75,000 for new technology for the four new elementaries.

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BAN

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smoke from one residence drifting over and entering adjoining properties," Condray said. "This is a common problem because of the close proximity of the homes to one another in our neighborhoods, which are closer than most neighborhoods in other rural places. Having a clear access route for firefighters is also a problem within the city, what with the street traffic and the restricted space our alleys present us with. To assist our residents with the handling of specialized waste such as lawn clip-

pings and tree limbs, the city created a compost facility, which is located at the municipal landfill. "There are times when, in the interest of public safety or other types of hazards, prescribed burns may be authorized and utilized within the city limits. These situations and others — such as ceremonial bonfires — are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are approved by the fire marshal's office if adequate conditions can be met to ensure the proper safety of the citizens and surrounding property." While the recent revocation of the burn ban may be short lived

— Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said the lifting of the ban could last less than a month if the Crossroads area doesn't see a considerable amount of rain in the meantime — Condray said area residents should still exercise extreme caution and work together to make the community a safe and clean place to work and live. "We need to do our best to take extra caution as we deal with our

spring clean-up projects and take the time needed to safely remove our accumulated waste and dispose of it properly," Condray said. "Use the approved disposal sites and methods and combine your efforts with your neighbors to try to share the load. This will not only make the work easier, but it will make all of your properties safer and more attractive while building friendship within the neighborhood. "Respect those men

and women who serve you daily, as well as your neighbors. Keep our community free from careless and illegal fires. Anyone with questions regarding fires in the Big Spring community should feel free to contact me at 432-264-2305." Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION JANUARY TERM 2012

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned, constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 9th day of January, 2012 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for September 30, 2011, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$11,729,665.13.

Mark Barr, County Judge
Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1
Donnie Baker, Commissioner Pct. 2
Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3
John Cline, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 9th day of January 2012.

By: Brent Zitterkopf, Deputy
Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 9TH DAY OF January, 2012, and recorded on the 9th day of January, A.D. 2012.

Donna Wright,
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Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- All those who volunteer for Hangar 25 Air Museum and help the operation run smoothly so that community residents and those visiting Big Spring can have the best experience possible when they visit the museum.

- Big Spring native Eddie Vasquez, and members of Modabeat for winning the 2011 Vive Tu Musica competition sponsored by Wrigley's Five chewing gum.

- All those involved in getting the VA Medical Center renamed the George H. O'Brien, Jr. VA Medical Center in recognition of O'Brien's courage and military service.

- City workers and BSISD employees for working diligently to repair the water main break, which caused schools to be shut down for the day, as quickly as possible.

- All those involved in the restoration of the historic Settles Hotel.

- County officials carefully considering the conditions and removing the burn ban, for the time being.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Life may not always be roses, Lord, but when we walk with You we can avoid the thorns.

Amen

A famous story about a dog

There is a famous story (it may be apocryphal, of course) about Richard Nixon and his dog. No, I don't mean the Checkers speech, the one where Nixon saved his integrity by invoking his little dog, Checkers, and his wife's cloth coat. This one came later, after he lost, during the famous Bel Air fire. The story is that as he was fleeing his house, Nixon left his dog.

When it comes to friends, it's hard to beat a dog. Harry Truman, it is said, once was told that if you want a real friend in Washington, get a dog. But friendship — really, love — should be a two-way street.

I am the mother of three loving dogs: Judy Jarvis Estrich, Molly Isabel Estrich and Irving A. Estrich. Sometimes, being the worrywart that I am, I actually spend time thinking about how I would round up my dogs in the car in case there was a tsunami or a fire. It goes without saying that I would never leave without them.

A few years ago, Rosie, who helped me raise my children and now helps me raise my dogs, found a hungry and bedraggled dog at the local dog park. He was wearing a tag, so she called the number. It turned out the family had been away during the Malibu fire, and when they finally got home, the dog was gone. He walked all the way to our neighborhood. It is one of

my favorite stories.

This brings me to the subject of today's column: the Romney dog. If, as it appears likely, Mitt Romney is the Republican nominee for president, we're all going to be getting an education on venture capital firms and whether they create jobs or destroy them. We'll all be watching the numbers to see whether, in these tough times, the 99 percent who used to aspire to be part of the 1 percent have now turned on the Romneys of the world.

All that is important, but it's also complicated — unlike a man and his dog.

Presidential elections are, in a very fundamental way, tests of character.

You can't predict all the issues or crises that will face the person you elect president, which means that character, ultimately, counts for more than position papers and platforms.

And in my book, as a dog lover, nothing tells you as much about a person's character as how they treat their dog.

So what are we to make of that infamous family vacation during which Romney put the dog in a crate on top of the car — for 12 hours? Or the more recent revelations that the dog and the crate had to be hosed down a few hours into the trip when his bowels gave way?

Respected New York Times columnist Gail Collins finds a way to get the dog into every column she writes about Romney. It's become a popular sort of puzzle: How will she get the dog in?

I've met Romney's family. They seem like very nice people. I'm sure they all loved their dog.



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So I caved ... let's talk bout EDC

A couple of weeks have passed since I last put pen to paper and let my thoughts run freely.

The first week I was thinking there just isn't a topic that is striking my interest enough to take up valuable paper space.

The second week, there was too much running through my mind and I couldn't quite figure out which topic deserved to be the 'hot topic' for the week.

Well, I didn't want to let another week pass by (even though at this point, I'm not sure anyone would notice.) However, it just doesn't feel right, so here it goes.

I'm not one to write a political column or touch on the controversial topics. Those topics are honestly the ones I try my hardest to avoid, but as with every rule, there is always an exception.

This week, even if it is only a few lines, I am making an exception.

The controversy surrounding the 4B project (which honestly I am just fine staying out of) and the plans to use a huge chunk of the economic development corporations money to fund the water and wastewater treatment facility has caused all kinds of opinions to come out of the woodworks. For the past year, I have been in charge of covering the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation meetings and up until this past week I had yet to see anyone and I do mean anyone, attend the monthly meetings. However, each month I write a story informing people on the high points of the meeting. For the past year, nobody has seemed to even care to give

any attention to the EDC or what they were doing. By no means do I understand completely all the workings of the EDC, but one thing I have come to understand — they are a vital part of the community.

I want to entertain this thought of not having the EDC exist, just to see what the other side is looking at. I tried and these are the main thoughts that come to mind ...

If the EDC did not exist how would the city of Big Spring grow? How would industry and corporations know to come and locate in Big Spring? Who would provide that little push that so many of our industrial businesses needed to get started? Who would promote Big Spring and speak the language of these businesses? More importantly, what would happen to Big Spring if there was no EDC?

Of course, I am not saying the EDC is perfect (nor is any part of Big Spring or Big Spring's government) and I am not saying that no money should be taken from the EDC. Honestly, I have yet to hear anyone in the EDC say no money should be taken from the EDC. This is what I believe.

In order for a community to thrive and prosper, it takes each and every aspect working together. From the highest on the totum pole to the lowest man on the ground ... everyone and everything is important. There are always several solutions to be had, some working better than others.

I do agree that at this point the best decision concerning the 4B project has been made; let the people decide.

To all the people who have spoken out against the EDC I say this, before you judge and cast your stone against the EDC

Some people leave their dogs at home when they take vacations. The Romneys brought theirs. And with a car full of kids, there was apparently no room for the dog in the car.

I didn't have a dog growing up (my mother was afraid of them), so I don't really know whether it was common in those days for people to put their dog on the roof of their car. I'm sure I'll hear from plenty of people who claim they've done it and the dog was just fine.

Still, it's hard for me to imagine putting one of the Estrich dogs anywhere other than the back seat. Judy does like to ride in the front, but really, the back is safer.

Someone once said to me that heaven is where you meet all the dogs you've loved and lost. Maybe Hershey Estrich Kaplan is there waiting for me. I don't know whether Checkers was waiting for Nixon, or whether the Romney dog ended up having a fine vacation and a good life after that tough 12-hour trip and will welcome his family when that day comes.

I'm not a Romney voter, so maybe it doesn't matter. But I don't think I'm alone in this. Before I decide what I think about this man's character, I need to know more about that trip — and that dog.

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and the work they do, educate yourself. Take the time and look at all, and I do mean all, they do. Take the time to visit their website, stop into their office and speak with Terry Wegman or with any of the board members for that matter. I'm not telling you to change your opinion and love the EDC, but I am asking to look at all the facts before you cast your vote.

If there are things that you feel they could do differently to better support the city of Big Spring express those thoughts to them. Take the time and attend a meeting, find out just what's going on.

From what I have seen, the Big Spring EDC is playing a very important part in building the city of Big Spring and are attracting several industries that are causing our community to be recognized.

To take it a step farther, after you find out a little more about your local EDC, take the time and learn about other surrounding EDCs and see how they operate.

As in every thing that deserves an opinion, there is no right or wrong answer, but there is always a wrong way to draw a conclusion if you are not fully educated.

Well considering I have crossed that line and touched a topic I probably shouldn't have, I am going to end this column and wait for the ramifications from the community and all the nay sayers.

However, I will continue to stand by my opinion, but at the same time, I will continue to learn and respect everyone else's opinion.

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Church News

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring, meets Wednesdays.

We appreciated Dan Miracle for preaching for us Sunday, Jan. 15. After a successful Tres Rios Youth Retreat at Prude Ranch, Tom will be back in the pulpit Sunday.

Saturday, Jan. 21, is the next Frolic, which begins at 7 p.m. in the church social hall with a light supper.

We will have the installation of church officers during worship Sunday.

The lectionary is Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:9-31; Mark 1:14-20.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and morning prayer is at 10:30 a.m.

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading both services. A Bible study will follow the 5 p.m. service.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams leading the elementary and youth groups.

The adult class discussion will be led by Jacque Mauch on "Joseph Transmits Abraham's Promise" taken from Genesis 50: 15-26.

Glenn and Laura Phillippe and Madeline Boadle continue the work of restocking our food pantry. For more information on the food pantry, call 267-2203.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship luncheon will be Jan. 29 following worship, with an administrative council meeting to follow.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

First Baptist Church

Sunday schedule begins with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Mark Lindsey's sermon Sunday is "All or Nothing" using James 4:17 as the scripture reference.

Following the morning service, lunch will be served in the Family Life Center. Proceeds from this meal will go to help our children attend camps this summer. A dessert auc-

tion will follow the meal.

Sunday, there will be a special deacon ordination service at 2 p.m. There will be no 6 p.m. service, but our youth and AWANA activates will take place at their normal time.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2c-texas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/> and e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Dolline Budke will be reading the liturgy Sunday. The readings are Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35) and Mark 1:14-20.

Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Harold and Jannette Bentley. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart.

Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on KBYG each Sunday morning.

The Board of Assimilation will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church. Wednesday Mid-week school includes a meal at 6 p.m. and Bible studies at 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday there will be a pot luck lunch at noon and a voter's meeting will follow. The call committee will be providing information they gathered on the names we received from the district office in Austin. Our Circuit Counselor, Pastor Pace, will be present as well.

Contact the office and let Donna know which dish you will be bringing for the potluck. Call the office at 264-7818 and leave a message or e-mail the office at aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings at the church for February include: The LWML will meet Feb. 9 for their salad supper.

February 13, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Feb. 14.

The elders meet Feb. 16. The board of assimilation will meet Feb. 28.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The children's choir now meets at 4:45 p.m., Wednesday and the chancel choir practices at 6 p.m.

Dereck and Amber Wilson presented their daughter Kyndel Nicole for baptism during the worship service last Sunday. They were attended by grandparents David and Susan Wilson.

Presbyterian Women's Bible study group will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the church library. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will lead Lessons 4 and 5 from our study book: Greatly Honored Are Those Who Are Famished

and Parched for Justice and Greatly Honored Are Those Who Show Mercy.

We will have the annual congregational meeting immediately after worship Sunday, Feb. 12, followed by a covered dish meal.

Nancy Little is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgist is Helen Glass. Ushers for the month are Gordon and Susan McDaniel and Paula Farquhar.

The lectionary is Jonah 3:1-5; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

The chancel choir will offer the anthem "It Is Well" by John Ness Beck and sing "Send Out Thy Light" by Charles Gounod for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at www.fpcbs.org.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We will be hosting the Big Spring premier of "Courageous" Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is free but tickets are required due to limited seating. Tickets are available at Johanson's Nursery, Sportz & Trinketz, KBYG, Slaton Insurance Agency, the Firehouse Grill and the church office. "Courageous" is a movie produced by the same group that brought us "Facing the Giants" and "Fireproof." Free childcare will be available. Call the church office at 714-4584 to reserve a place for your children.

Mark your calendars for the last weekend in January. We will conclude our "New Year's Revolutions" sermons series with a family focused event. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church in Bedford, Texas will be here for our deacon/leadership training starting next Friday evening.

Marty will wrap up our sermon series with revolutionary church Sunday, Jan. 29.

We will be hosting a "Super Bowl Party" Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012. The game will be shown on the large screens in our worship area.

Spring Creek University will be offering: "The School of the Spirit," "Financial Peace University," "Celebrate Recovery," "Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working," "Experiencing God," "Breaking Free," "The Secret to the Marriage You Want," "The Truth Project" and "Be Prepared" (parenting).

Sunday school classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We meet Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m., Bible study, youth and children's activities at 6 p.m. and Praise Team Practice at 7 p.m.

Youth meets Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students. Plans for Sunday evening events and field trips are in the works.

prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday in the dining room at the church. "Between the Lines" women's ministry will meet today.

"Manna House" food pantry is low on supplies. Do what you can to help us stock up for the winter and spring. Contact Casie Fillingim and Jennifer Boyd for more information. "Free Indeed," a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship, is in need of donations of new underwear, socks, coats, etc. for the cold months ahead. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated, as well.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

East Side Baptist Church

Worship is Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. We meet Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. for prayer, Bible study and Kids Klub.

Sunday at the 1:45 p.m. service we will be showing "Courageous" on the big screen.

March 15 we will present "The Darts" in concert. Tracy Dartt, author of "God on the Mountain" and "We will all be green and moldy a hundred years from now."

We provide nursery for 4-year-olds and younger. Junior church for 5-year-olds through 11-year-olds.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad St. Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship service is at 10:50 a.m. Sunday the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "A word to the church: Seriously single" from 1 Corinthians 7:29-31.

Breakfast with the Guys will be Saturday at 8 a.m. at Crispy's Cafe. The FCC board will meet Sunday after church services. Choir practice and youth group meet Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Samaritan Counseling will meet in the library Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

Isaiah 58 needs a new kind of volunteer. The pantry now receives food directly from Wal-Mart three times per week.

This food must be inspected for health concerns, cleaned up and stacked for distribution. Call 268-9530 or the church office to help. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels.

Volunteers are needed to unload the truck Mondays from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. and to help clients. Contact the church office for information or to volunteer.

For questions or further information, call church office at 432-517-4821, email fcbs125@yahoo.com or view the website at www.fcbigspring.org.

In praise of all our spare tires

Usually don't pay much attention to the things politicians say, but I recently heard Governor Mike Huckabee say on a national news program the office of the Vice President of the United States is like a spare tire.

According to Huckabee, a vice president has to stay hidden away somewhere out of sight most of the time, but he has to stay aired up just in case he is called upon to do something.

While most of us tend to avoid being associated with the spare-tire image, there is a bit of truth to the governor's analogy. Many of us are called to fulfill a spare-tire role in life from time to time, and the qualifications for good spare tires are the same as those for rubber that hits the road daily.

Having been a substitute teacher at one

point in my career, I still remember the anticipation of those early morning phone calls and the anxiety of walking into an unknown classroom. Perhaps the peak of my spare-tire experience was the day I was called to teach a high-school welding class. My preparation for teaching first grade didn't help much, but my prayers were answered when nothing blew up before the bell rang.

As I contemplated the anticipation of spare tires, I realized these ready-to-roll positions are all around us. Our military reserves stay aired up and ready to go anytime they are deployed. Volunteer firefighters and other first responders are trained and ready to serve anytime they are beckoned. Other volunteers and substitutes in all areas of life swing into action

as needed to make our communities better places to live.

In the New Testament, the apostle Paul instructed his young associate, Timothy, to be ready to take charge in any situation: "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction" (2 Timothy 4:1-2 NIV).

As followers of Christ, we are called to



BONNIE WHEAT

serve God in a variety of ways in season and out of season. But whatever our calling is, we must be prepared to wait in the trunk of God's vehicle or hit the road rolling when He calls on us.

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Reflections

What happened to winter?

For the past week I have been visiting friends and family in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Montana.

Most Texans avoid these regions in January. But, when you have grandchildren in Montana, what can you do?

The weather tricked us. We discovered balmy weather in the 40s and 50s, with no snow. Instead of blizzard conditions with blowing snow, we were greeted with brown grass, bare ground and blowing dust.

My friends in Minnesota and Wisconsin were not happy. They despise a wimpy winter. Maybe that is why the Packers lost last night to the Giants.

Playing at Lambau field, site of the famous ice-bowl in 1967, the weather must have confused them.

Yesterday we went to church in Billings, Mont. without wearing a parka.

What is this? While many are happy for a respite from shoveling snow and digging out cars, we can't help but miss the sounds of children giggling down snow-covered slopes, the slap of hockey sticks in the park, the sight of snowmen standing sentry in front yards, not to mention ice-fishing and snow mobiles.

Of course, winter might still show up. She has several months left to make her appearance.

When I woke up this morning it was 7 degrees with several inches of snow that fell overnight. It should get up to 15 today even though the temps are predicted to return to the 40s by Saturday.

Without winter's harsh grip it is difficult to fully experience spring's miracle: thawing streams, budding limbs, fields of flowers and fresh green grass. The seasons somehow enrich us with rhythm purpose and meaning.

They help us recognize our connection with creation including the migrating geese and the hibernating bear, badger and bee.

From the dawn of creation, God provided seasons.

In Genesis, "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years.'" (Genesis 1:14).

Solomon wrote, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Life is lived in seasons: birth-childhood and youth; young adulthood; middle age; old age and death.

Every season is unique. Every season is to be received as a gift from God and celebrated. Each has its challenges, difficulties, advantages, sorrows and joys.

When Jeremiah looked at seasons and the miracle of nature, he was reminded of how disconnected human beings can become from their creator.

"Even the stork in the sky knows her seasons; and the turtledove and the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration; but My people do not know the ordinance of the Lord." (Jeremiah 8:7).

Maybe this winter, however it turns, can remind us to celebrate all the seasons of life, living in a way that remains connected to the Creator and His creation.

Bill Tinsley reflects on life experience and current events from a faith perspective. For more information visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



BILL TINSLEY

Jesus; Lord and God

There is a way that seems right to a man, but it's end is the way of death.

Proverbs 14:12, as I ponder on this scripture I think what does it mean

Another way to heaven? Another interpretation of the scriptures ... even another Jesus?

See every church preaches a certain amount of truth, you see you have to take the whole truth. It's like the commandments you break one, you break them all.

Yes the road seems narrow and yes it is narrow. Matthew 7:13-14, Heaven can be entered only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad and its gate is wide enough for all the multitudes who choose its easy way.

But the Gateway to Life is small, and the road is narrow and only a few ever find it.

If a church never teaches about healing, people won't ever get healed. If a church never teaches about the Jesus name baptism they will never know the correct way of being baptized. Yes the scriptures read; go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

What is the name of the Father? What is the name of the Son? What is the name of the Holy Spirit? The Name is Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38, "And Peter replied, each one of you must turn from sin, return to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; then

you also shall receive this gift, the Holy Spirit."

If your church doesn't teach the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, scripture after scripture talks about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One of my favorites is when man speaks in tongues. Man does not understand him, in other words, what he is saying because he's not speaking to man but God. Peter said do you object. The Bible says though we know not what to pray for, but it is the Holy Spirit that makes intercession for us through moaning and groanings that cannot be uttered, according to the will of God. Romans 8:26-27, that is intercession.

If your church does not teach deliverance, you will never get it. Prverbs 3: 21 Amplified Bible says, "Have two goals: wisdom that is knowing and doing right and common sense. Don't let them slip away." They keep you safe from defeat and disaster and from stumbling off the trail. Psalms 1:4-6, talks about how the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

You might ask yourselves what is it then; What it is you'll find in every church, they need a love for the word of the God. They need a hunger for truth, it's the only thing that's going to set us free,

The word is God.

JoElle Ludington

Spring Creek Fellowship
Debut showing of 'Courageous'

Spring Creek Fellowship, located at 501 Birdwell Lane invites you to a special night Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at 6 p.m. as we host the Big Spring debut of the movie "Courageous," from the makers of "Fireproof" and "Facing the Giants."

Admission is free, but tickets are required due to limited seating. Free tickets are available at the following locations: Johanson's Nursery, Sportz & Trinketz, KBYG, Slaton Insurance Agency and the Firehouse Grill.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Free childcare will be available. Please call the church office at 714-4584 to reserve a place for your child and to get tickets.

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Reader's Corner

How shall I Pray

How shall I pray when the heavens seem as brass?

How shall I pray when God seems so far away?

How shall I pray when the cross is to hard to bear?

How shall I pray when I'm weak and tempted?

How shall I pray when my heart hurts?

How shall I pray as I sit in silence?

I hear the enemy say see there is no God

Then I am reminded

while you were on the cross

soldiers said He saved others

himself He cannot save

He trusted in God that He would deliver him for

had they known it

they would not have crucified the Lord of glory

think of these things

when you think of

how shall I pray

JoElle Ludington

Submit church news at editor@bigspringherald.com



Berea Baptist Church

4204 Wasson Road

announces the showing of the recently released movie "Courageous"

on Sunday evening, January 29th at 6:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend free of charge. We will provide nursery through age three. We also invite you to stay after the film for refreshments.

The story of "COURAGEOUS" is one of the most important messages about the family ever seen on film. It was created with the motivation to call men to rise up to the Biblical standard of manhood, to serve their wives and children, and to be pillars of integrity in the community.

Please join us on Sunday, Jan. 29th at 6:00 P.M.

For more information you may call Pastor John McCullough at 935-9171

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠85♥10♦AKQ942♣KJ83
- ♠Q94♥92♦AK8653♣K4
- ♠1083♥KQ♦KJ9542♣A9
- ♠9♥Q82♦AKQ1073♣Q93

1. Five clubs. The value of a hand rises or falls as the bidding progresses. Thus, when partner responded one heart, your hand depreciated in value. The two-diamond bid warned partner that you had minimum values (about 12 to 15 points in high cards) and could not support hearts.

Partner's three-club bid is forcing, since it is a new suit named by responder. Now, with the newly found fit in clubs, your values suddenly appreciate, and you should enthusiastically inform him of this reappraisal of your net worth.

If you were to bid only four clubs, partner might think you were raising him only because you had to, and you might miss an excellent slam. The jump to five clubs tells partner that you have the best hand you can have under the circumstances and encourages him to consider bidding

further.

2. Three diamonds. Here you should react cautiously by rebidding your diamonds again. Your original values have not improved as partner bid hearts and clubs, and you should resist the temptation to say three notrump. Your hand would be unlikely to take more than its bare high-card tricks, and your spade "stopper" is tenuous at best. If there's a game in the cards, it's up to your partner to do still more to get you there.

3. Three hearts. Although you have only a doubleton in each of partner's suits, thus suggesting a misfit, the fact that you have three high honors in hearts and clubs more than makes up for your shortness in both suits. You should therefore willingly show a preference for hearts, even though you have only two of them. Besides, you can't repeat diamonds again with such a moth-eaten suit.

4. Four hearts. This time, with a reasonable fit for both of partner's suits and a much better hand than you might have had, you give partner a jump-preference. This cannot be misread as showing a huge hand in the light of your previous minimum rebid of two diamonds. Your leap to game might prove to be the catalyst that induces partner to undertake a sound slam contract.

Tomorrow: The aim is to win.

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► **State briefs**

Perry drops out of presidential race

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry dropped out of the presidential race on Thursday, endorsed his old friend Newt Gingrich and returned home to Texas, where the failed White House candidate has three years left to serve as the chief executive.

"I have come to the conclusion that there is no viable path to victory for my candidacy in 2012," Perry said in North Charleston, S.C., just two days before the primary there. "I believe Newt is a conservative visionary who can transform our country."

Money also was a factor, with spokesman Ray Sullivan saying: "We have spent the bulk of our funds." He added that Perry hasn't ruled out running again for governor or the White House in 2016 if President Barack Obama is re-elected.

Perry ended his campaign where he launched it last August, when tea party and evangelical Christian leaders hailed him as a charismatic conservative and some polls showed him as a front-runner for the Republican nomination. Soon after, Perry's gaffes and debate performances sent his campaign into a spin from which it never recovered.

2011 wildfire season worst in history

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Last year's wildfire season was the worst in Texas history.

The Texas Forest Service says wildfires destroyed nearly 4 million acres and 4,000 homes and other structures. Ten people died.

The agency recently declared Oct. 31 as the end of the 2011 season after going back to study fire activity and weather. The season started in mid-November 2010.

Two months ago officials said the season could drag on until spring, because large blazes could ignite anywhere across the drought-stricken state.

But Thursday state fire officials said November rainfall turned out to be more widespread than expected.

The state's longest wildfire season was from April 2005 through September 2006, when blazes charred about 2 million acres and left 12 people dead.

Canada mulls nixed U.S. pipeline

TORONTO (AP) — Canada is looking at alternatives for exporting its oil since U.S. President Barack Obama announced he was blocking a pipeline from Alberta to Texas.

A pipeline executive said Thursday that the company was weighing whether to build a segment of the line — from Oklahoma to Texas — that wouldn't require U.S. State Department approval. And government officials said Canada would push harder for a pipeline to the Pacific Coast, where oil could be shipped to China.

At the same time, officials are hopeful the 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline will be built.

Alberta Premier Alison Redford, the leader of the Canadian province that has the world's third-largest reserves of oil, said that while Canada is disappointed at Obama's decision, the government believes Obama has made it clear the U.S. would consider a new Keystone XL pipeline application with a new routing.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
From left, Manny Negron, Tessa Reid, Barbara Kirk-Norris and Jerry Duenes were voted in as new Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board members for the 2012 year during the monthly board meeting this week.

CHAMBER

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have volunteered to serve on the board," Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said.

Reid has served previously on the board and Negron will be serving a one-year term.

After the vice president's reports, ex-officials' in attendance delivered updates on their respective areas in the community.

Ex-officio Gloria McDonald reported renovations to the Municipal Auditorium are 26 per-

cent complete. The expected completion date has been set between Feb. 6 and 12.

"It's difficult to take an old, historical building and restore it and having a set date of completion," McDonald said.

County Judge Mark Barr announced the new joint law enforcement center will bear the name Troy Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center. Construction is expected to begin Feb. 6. He also reported the burn ban has been lifted for the Howard County area.

"We are hoping we get plenty of rain so that

we don't have to put the burn ban back on," Barr said.

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar reported the construction of four elementary schools is moving along. Brick has begun going up at the Goliad and Washington campus, with the Moss campus being about 40 days behind.

"All schools should be open by next semester," Saldivar said.

Construction has also begun at the high school. Work will be done on the science lab, the roof, a new band

hall and choir room renovations. Memorial Stadium will also see revamping when artificial turf is placed on the field and improvements are made to the dressing rooms, restrooms and concession stands.

"The work at Memorial Stadium will take place in two phases, the turf and dressing rooms and the second phase will include the restrooms and concession stands," Saldivar said.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

EQIP ranking period ends soon

Special to the Herald

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin wants to remind agriculture producers the ranking period cut-off date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program is Feb. 3.

Producers interested in EQIP should submit applications to the Howard County NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during the first ranking period of 2012.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program

that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Howard County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," said Spurgin.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2012 funding is Feb. 3.

Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring at 432-267-1871, ext. 3.

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► **Church events**

Family unity conference to be held Feb. 17-18

Family Unity Conference will be held Feb. 17-18 in Big Spring. Conference host is the Rev. Rosalind Simmons. Friday evening at 7 p.m., the theme will be "The Help: For Anger, Forgiveness and Bitterness." Satur-

day's continuation will be themed "Life Class: Healing Strife," and will begin at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Howard College Cactus Room. Registration is \$25. Register online at www.veteranshouseofhope.weebly.com. Lunch is \$10. Deadline to register is Feb. 1. For more information, contact Desiree Fizer at 432-

270-3813. The conference is open to everyone.

Berea Baptist Church to air 'Courageous' movie

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Hawks buck Broncos

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

In the long history of the Howard College-New Mexico Military Institute series, Howard has frequently won but just as frequently struggled against the Broncos.

Thursday night's latest edition of the rivalry was no exception. The Hawks eventually won, 72-64, but had to hold on for dear life late to secure the victory, which improved their record to 13-3 overall and 2-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Howard held double-digit leads in both halves, but watched the Broncos (7-9, 0-2) rally to make things close each time.

The close result left Howard Coach Mark Adams less than pleased.

"I was very disappointed with our play on defense," he said. "We've got



Thomas



Courtesy photo/Shirley Lee

Howard College's Shavon Coleman (23) fires a short jumper during the Hawks' 72-64 victory over New Mexico Military Institute Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Snyder, 6 p.m.

Post at Coahoma, 6 p.m.

Forsan at Colorado City, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.

Post at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Women's basketball

Howard College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball

Howard College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Mavs hold off Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After back-to-back last-possession losses, the Dallas Mavericks easily could have let another one get away.

Instead, the defending champs used veteran leadership to hold off the Utah Jazz 94-91 on Thursday night.

"We hung in there," said Mavs forward Shawn Marion. "We knew they were going to make a run. They're a young and energetic team. They play hard in this building. We kept our composure. We were able to respond after every run they made."

Marion, a 12th-year pro, scored a season-high 22 points, including a late layup off a pass from Jason Kidd. It came after a 3-pointer by Jason Terry broke an 87-all tie with 2:26 remaining.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak and cooled off the league's hottest team.

Actually the Jazz were still pretty hot afterward in a game that saw four technical fouls called and second-year pro Derrick Favors ejected late in the third quarter after throwing the ball into the stands to protest a call.

"It's for sure we got fight," said Al Jefferson, who led Utah with 22 points. "We got to get that reputation around the league that we're not going to be pushed around. We're going to fight to the end. Dallas may have won the game, but they know they were in a fight."

The Jazz were down by 13 in the second quarter and by 11 in the third before rallying. Utah led by three early in

the fourth after a dunk by C.J. Miles, but couldn't hold on.

"They had some big buckets down the stretch, and we had a couple of times when we couldn't convert and the stress got to us," said Miles, who finished with 17 points and hit a late 3-pointer for the final margin.

The Jazz lost at home for only the second time all season — the other came in overtime against the Lakers. It was only their second loss in the last 10 games overall.

"This is a big win," said Dirk Nowitzki, who had 12 points and five rebounds for the Mavs. "This is a tough place to play."

Nowitzki stoked the Jazz emotions late in the third

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Martin's 32 points pace Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets seemed to be rolling in the first half against New Orleans, shooting well and building a double-digit lead.

Luis Scola knew better.

"We weren't executing the right way," the Rockets forward said. "They came back, and that's what happens when you don't play good."

Houston survived one of the worst fourth quarters in team history to hold off the Hornets 90-88 in overtime on Thursday night.

Kevin Martin scored 27 of his 32 points in the first half, Samuel Dalembert grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds and the Rockets won their fifth straight game.

Barely.

"It just looked like the life was out of us," Martin said. "But we found a way to pull out that one."

Courtney Lee scored a season-high 17 points and Kyle Lowry added 10 points and eight assists for the Rockets, who shot 3 for 21 from the field in the fourth quarter and mustered 7 points, matching a team record set three times

previously.

Martin hit 10-of-14 shots in the first half, then went 2 for 6 in the fourth as the Hornets rallied to tie it.

"I always tell them, 'Give the fight and do your best,'" New Orleans coach Monty Williams said. "We did everything we could to win the game."

Jason Smith scored 17 points and Jarrett Jack and Marco Belinelli added 15 points apiece for the Hornets, who've lost 12 of 13.

But the players on New Orleans' bench went nuts when Jack swished a baseline jumper with 3:47 left in overtime to give the Hornets their first lead, and Smith hit one from nearly the same spot to put the Hornets up 86-83.

Jack scored again before Dalembert converted a three-point play. Scola sank two free throws to tie it with 1:10 remaining.

Martin picked up a loose ball with under 30 seconds left and missed a layup on a fast break, but Dalembert grabbed the rebound and dunked with 11 seconds left.

"We put ourselves in that

situation," Dalembert said. "We dug ourselves so deep that we had to dig ourselves out. And we did it."

Belinelli missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and Houston escaped to beat the Hornets for only the second time in the last eight meetings.

"I'm only taking positives from this game," Smith said. "We played hard and that's what we have to do every game to give ourselves a chance to win."

Houston shredded the Hornets' defense in the first half, going 8 for 14 from 3-point range and matching its first-half season high point total set in Monday's 114-106 win in Washington.

With the Hornets focused on Martin in the third quarter, Dalembert scored six points inside to keep Houston in front. But like Scola, Houston coach Kevin McHale sensed that the Rockets were losing their offensive rhythm.

"We had no flow in that second half after having had a lot of flow early," McHale said. "On average, you can feel it coming on and it's a bad feeling."

Gundy wins Bryant award

HOUSTON (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy won the Paul "Bear" Bryant College Coach of the Year Award on Thursday night.

Gundy, whose Cowboys finished 12-1, beat out eight other finalists for the award, including LSU's Les Miles.

Oklahoma State won its first Big 12 championship and played in its first BCS bowl, getting a 41-38 overtime win over Stanford. The team's 12 wins were a school record.

"It's been an unbelievable season," he said. "I don't know that Oklahoma State's ever been perceived the way we are now from coast to coast all through the country. I'm so proud of our team and the administration and coaches for getting to this level and continuing to work hard."

Gundy's team was kept out of the national title game after a 37-31 loss to Iowa State

in two overtimes. He's been vocal about his desire for a change in the current system and spent time before the ceremony discussing what he believes would be a better way to determine the national champion.

Gundy thinks there should be a two-game playoff for the top four teams with No. 1 playing No. 4 and No. 2 and No. 3 facing off before the winners meet for the title.

"That would give everybody a chance to compete for the national championship," Gundy said.

Still, he doesn't expect change to come soon.

"There's too many people pulling different directions," he said. "It's hard to get people in a room and say: 'Listen what are we going to do?' You have too many voices. So I don't know that I see anything moving in that direction."

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In brief

Even ailing, James leads Heat past Lakers

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James was sitting at his locker after the game, a bottle of cold medicine at his side.

The Los Angeles Lakers would be hard-pressed to believe it was needed.

James shook off flu-like symptoms to put up 31 points, eight rebounds and eight assists — hours after being told to stay away from the team's shoot-around practice after calling in with a cough and chest congestion — and the Miami Heat topped the Lakers 98-87 on Thursday night. Chris Bosh scored 15 for Miami, which won its second straight after a three-game slide.

"A chest cold can get to you at times," James said. "But I felt like I could help the team."

Shane Battier scored 11 and led the way defensively on Kobe Bryant. Mario Chalmers finished with 10 for Miami, which led by as many as 23 points and improved to 5-1 at home. Miami moved to 5-0 this season without Dwyane Wade, who missed his second straight game with a sprained right ankle. He missed three games earlier this season with left foot soreness.

No problem — James simply did his thing, yet again.

"We don't take his talent for granted, nor do we take Dwyane's talent or Chris' talent," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They're special players and they can rise to the occasion."

Rams to play NFL games in London for next 3 years

LONDON (AP) — The St. Louis Rams took the first step toward becoming Britain's "home" team Friday, agreeing to play a regular-season NFL game in London in each of the next three seasons.

Their opponent is in the running to become Super Bowl champions.

The Rams will play the New England Patriots on Oct. 28 at Wembley in the first game of the deal, about two months after the closing ceremony of the London Olympics. That will be followed by games at Wembley against undetermined opponents in 2013 and 2014.

The Rams are owned by Stan Kroenke, who also is the majority shareholder in English club Arsenal. The team will give up home games in St. Louis in each of the three seasons to play in London.

"We've seen first-hand the increased popularity of the NFL not only in London but throughout Europe," Kroenke said in a statement. "To play a role in that growth over the next three years will be incredible and is a testament to the many good things happening not only in the NFL but also in the St. Louis Rams organization."

This year's contest will be the sixth regular-season game at Wembley. Despite plans to bring a second game to Britain starting next season, the NFL said the Rams-Patriots date would be the only one in 2012.

PSU trustees hope to address alumni concerns

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State President Rodney Erickson says he's trying to address the perception that the university isn't being as open and honest as it could be in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky scandal.

Erickson said in remarks Friday to the university's Board of Trustees that he's continuing to reach out to alumni, students and other groups and working to be more accountable.

The trustees are meeting for the first time since the chaotic week in November after child sex abuse allegations were brought against Sandusky, a re-

tired assistant football coach.

Some alumni are calling for wholesale changes in the board's makeup and more transparency from the board and administration.

Erickson called the last two months an "extraordinarily trying time" for the school. He said the school is cooperating with several ongoing investigations related to the Sandusky case.

Source: Braun appeal of positive drug test begins

NEW YORK (AP) — Ryan Braun's appeal of his positive drug test began Thursday before baseball arbitrator Shyam Das.

The start of the National League MVP's appeal first reported by the New York Daily News, was confirmed by a person familiar with the session who spoke on condition of anonymity because the proceeding was not to be made public.

Calls to Braun's agent, Nez Balelo, and Major League Baseball spokesman Pat Courtney were not returned.

When the positive drug test was first reported by ESPN.com last month, Braun had a spokesman issue a statement saying there were circumstances supporting "Ryan's complete innocence."

Under the joint drug agreement between baseball teams and the players' association, Braun will have to prove "the presence of a prohibited substance in his urine was not due to his fault or negligence."

As Braun tries to avoid a 50-game suspension, the burden is a heavy one to overcome. A baseball arbitrator has never ordered a suspension overturned following a grievance hearing.

The person did not know whether the hearing had concluded or whether it would extend into at least one more session. Typically in grievances, after the hearing the sides may submit written final arguments before the arbitrator rules.

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Other finalists for the award were Wisconsin's Bret Bielema, Art Briles of Baylor, Michigan's Brady Hoke, Stanford's David Shaw, Kansas State's Bill Snyder, former Houston and current Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin and Clem-

son's Dabo Swinney.

Alabama coach Nick Saban, whose team beat LSU for the national title, was among the original finalists announced Dec. 14, but he was removed from contention because a scheduling conflict left him unable to attend.

Former Iowa coach Hayden Fry was the ceremony's other honoree, receiving the Bryant

Lifetime Achievement Award given by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

Fry, who also coached at North Texas and SMU, retired in 1998 with 232 career wins and his teams at Iowa made 14 bowl appearances.

He was humbled to be given an award bearing Bryant's name.

"I can't think of any-

one I'd rather be associated with than coach Bryant," he said.

"We were very close friends. He told me a lot of things that helped me win football games throughout my career," Fry added.

Though most known for his 20-year career at Iowa, Fry said he was most proud of his work at SMU where he was responsible for sign-

ing Jerry LeVias, the first black player in the Southwest Conference, in 1966.

"The greatest thing I did was give a scholarship to the first African-American in the south," Fry said.

"It opened the door for all the other fine, black athletes to at least have a choice of where to go to school."

LeVias attended the

event to present the award to his former coach.

"For coach Fry to be named the recipient of this Bear Bryant achievement award is fantastic and for me to be able to give it to him I think is a dream come true," LeVias said.

The awards were given in conjunction with the American Heart Association.

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when he slapped the ball out of Favors hands after Favors was called for an offensive foul.

Backup point guard Earl Watson stood up for his teammate, and tussled with Nowitzki on the sideline, drawing the first Jazz technical. Thirty seconds later, Favors drew a technical and ejection when he was called for another offensive foul and tossed the ball into the crowd.

"I was pretty frustrated," said Favors, who had 10 points. "I let my emotions get to me."

Jazz coach Tyrone Corbin wasn't happy that the Jazz

lost control. But he liked the fight, especially with so many young players seeing significant minutes.

Rookie Alec Burks played 22 minutes and second-year pro Gordon Hayward 27.

"Tyrone Corbin is doing a great job. They have lost a lot of key guys — (Andrei) Kirilenko and (Mehmet) Okur," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "These young guys are playing hard and playing within the system and their big guys are getting better and better."

Carlisle, who acknowledged before the game that this isn't the same Mavs team that won the NBA title last season, still feels pretty good about the group he does have despite the up-and-down season.

"We're making steady progress," he said. "But it is work. We got to continue with it. It doesn't happen overnight. It simply doesn't."

The Mavs were coming off back-to-back last-possession losses to the Lakers and Clippers, but they came out strong Thursday.

The Mavs led 59-50 at halftime but were up by as many as 13 after a 13-4 run fueled by Marion's running jumper and Terry's 3-pointer.

"We didn't come out with enough energy and intensity in the first half and they jumped on us," said Paul Millsap.

"That was the turning point of the game. You got to bring it."

Nowitzki and the Mavs

slowed down one of the league's hottest players in Millsap, limiting the Jazz power forward to 2-of-7 shooting in the first half. Millsap had averaged 23.3 points and 9.8 rebounds in his previous four games but had just six at halftime and finished with 16 on 6-of-16 shooting.

Utah also had dominated in the paint in recent games was but was outscored 30-18 in the first half in that category and 48-38 overall.

Millsap said Utah was slow to rotate defensively and allowed easy layups.

Marion was happy to take advantage.

"I had some great positioning and I was able to get what I wanted to," he said.

"We know we're taking

baby steps in the right direction. We're still just trying to learn from mistakes and get better every game."

NOTES: Mavs G/F Vince Carter missed his second straight game with a sprained left foot. Coach Rick Carlisle said before the game the injury is not serious, but that Carter would not rejoin the team on this road trip, which ends Saturday in New Orleans. ... Former Mavs swingman Josh Howard missed his third straight game for Utah with a strained left quad. ... Lamar Odom, who has struggled to find his rhythm since being traded from L.A., started 3 of 3 on Thursday and finished with 11 points. ... Nowitzki was whistled for a technical foul at the end of the first half.

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to get better quickly. We can't make the mistakes we made and expect to beat good teams down the road."

A bit of good news for the Hawks was the return to the lineup of guard Jacob Thomas. The 6-foot-4 freshman from Columbia Heights, Minn., who has missed

extended time this season with a foot injury, appeared in midseason form Thursday night, leading all scorers with 24 points, including 15 on three-point shots.

"It looks like he's starting to get his confidence back," Adams said of Thomas. "He was definitely a bright spot for us."

Also scoring in double figures for Howard was sophomore swing man Shavon Coleman, who had 12 points. Juwan Newman and D'Marnier Cunningham led NMMI with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

The Hawks twice appeared to take control of the game, once in each half, and it was defense that spurred the rallies.

The first charge came midway through the first half when, with the game tied at 17-all, the Hawks went on a five-minute run that saw their lead expand to nine points, with 5:51 left in the half.

But Howard went cold from the field after that, scoring only one more field goal before intermission, and the Broncos relied on a flurry of three-pointers — two from Andrew Brewster — to take a 37-36 lead into intermission.

The game followed a similar script in the second half — Howard raced out to a seemingly comfortable lead, only to watch NMMI rally. The Hawks regained the lead for good on a Coleman jumper with 18:14 left and expanded that lead to as much as 15 points midway through the half.

However, trailing 62-48 with 9:14 remaining, the Broncos rattled off 10 unanswered points to cut Howard's lead to four points with four minutes left.

That was as close as NMMI got, however. Thomas and Rico Richardson sank crucial baskets on consecutive possessions to push the

Hawks' lead back to eight points, and Howard was able to maintain that advantage until game's end.

The Hawks return to action Monday when they travel to Midland for a 7:45 p.m. game with the Chaps.

NMMI (64) — Cunningham 6 1-1 14; Barnes 3 0-0 8; Newman 4 8-10 16; Fields 2 0-0 4; Williams 4 0-0 9; Peralta 2 0-0 4; Gaskins 3 1-2 8; totals 24 10-13 64.

HOWARD (72) — Dixon 3 0-0 7; Cooper 1 0-0 2; Richardson 4 0-0 9; Thomas 9 2-2 24; Codfrey 3 1-4 7; Coleman 4 3-4 12; McGee 3 2-2 8; totals 27 3-4 72.

Halftime — NMMI 37, Howard 36; Three-pointers — NMMI (Cunningham, Barnes 2, Williams, Gaskins 2), Howard (Dixon, Richardson, Thomas 5); Total fouls — NMMI 13, Howard 15; Fouled out — none; Technical fouls — none.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun's transit into Aquarius brings a groovy, laid-back feel to the day. It's as though it's too soon to tell what tone to take into the new era. Personal interest takes a back seat to a feeling of community. Everyone relaxes a bit to observe what the others need and want.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just because it's the way you've always been

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doing it doesn't mean it's the way you have to do it today. Nothing is written in stone. Agreements are broken every day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If it's not going right, you'll recognize the problem and take action to reverse the trend. Take care not to say "maybe" when what you really mean is "no way."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No matter how perceptive you are at judging people, you'll make a mistake or two along the way. You won't be sorry if you err on the side of belief. No one will ever fool you twice though.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The Latin expression "quid pro quo" means "something for something." You'll get the feeling that someone is doing a favor for you because they expect one immediately from you in return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll enjoy home decorating and arranging your domestic scene in a way that is pleasing to you and anyone lucky enough to come into your world. You are naturally good at creating an open, friendly environment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). You'll learn form others as you have conversations that bounce more or less equally from person to person. The one who drones on and doesn't lob the conversational ball back is not being open to learning

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The question of whether to add a new gadget to your scene will come up. Do only what seems absolutely necessary. If you keep it simple you'll limit the chance for unnecessary problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Disable your call waiting for a while and do the equivalent in other areas of your life as well. Arrange things so that once you are really involved in an activity you are unlikely to be interrupted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have strong instincts about money now. You'll make a plan and follow through with it, and soon money will flow to you through new channels. You have a good use for it, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because you share the same bloodline with a person doesn't mean that you have

similar beliefs. Talks on the topic of religion or politics can lead to trouble among family members.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Certain promises have been made, and this is an excellent time to collect on favors, material items and money owed to you. You'll only have to mention it once and wah-lah!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll easily fall into the tendency to put too much pressure on yourself. Don't require that you others like and admire you. Mix and mingle with the simple intention of having a good time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20). You'll be a person of action right from the start of your new year, and you'll approach your endeavors with great energy and speed. Regular contact with loved ones will be the key to building relationships over the next three months. Travel and adventure in May will introduce you to new business. Money will be more plentiful in July. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 48 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE

FORECAST: **ARIES:** You'll be drawn to the finer things and whether or not you can technically afford them, they will be yours. **TAURUS:** You're ready to form a deep and lasting bond and will wait patiently until the other person is ready as well. **GEMINI:** Love is more exciting when you don't know exactly how another person feels about you. **CANCER:** Discussions about money are likely to put a damper on romance, but you can easily avoid the topic. **LEO:** Someone you wouldn't expect looks forward to seeing your smile every day. **VIRGO:** You'll be admired for your sharp wit and ability to use it appropriately. **LIBRA:** Platonic ties are favored, and your friend's friend will become your friend, too. **SCORPIO:** You like to be complimented to a point, but it can be embarrassing when someone goes over the top, especially in public. **SAGITTARIUS:** You want freedom and privacy. You'll be attracted to those who are likely to give you space. **CAPRICORN:** You'll send out subtle signals that

you may not be fully aware of. **AQUARIUS:** You seek regular contact with the important people in your life. **PISCES:** You'll educate yourself about the interests of another person — that's love.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the sun in Aquarius and the moon in Capricorn, these signs reflect one another's finer qualities. Aquarius can learn from Capricorn's highly responsible approach to life. Capricorn will love Aquarius's bright ideas and forward thinking ways. The Aquarian vision of the future is something Capricorn can get behind and co-create with a great deal of organization and follow through.

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Dear Margo, by Margo Howard: Of pucks and drunks

Dear Margo: I'm a huge hockey fan, probably because I adored Peter Forsberg.

I used to attend games with my father, but when he died, it hurt to think of being there without him.

Recently, an aunt invited me to go with her. I was pleased and offered to pay for good seats, but she insisted we sit in the nosebleed section and she would pay.

Margo, I hate those seats, and not because you can't see, but because the fans are drunken brutes. But hesitantly, I agreed.

The night of the game we sat near four college boys who drank more and more as the Avs lost. They were rowdy and

crude, and they screamed a lot.

Then they disappeared for a while (getting more alcohol, I assume), and a family came in and asked whether those seats were free.

I told them no, and that they should keep their distance because the men sitting there were pretty drunk and belligerent.

They heeded my advice and sat a few rows away. Well, sure enough, the drunks came back and noticed the family.

One of the little boys was wearing a jersey from the opposing team. The college boys swore and yelled and said loudly they should throw the kid over the glass into the lower seats.

This seems to come with the cheap tickets: complementary drunk jerkwads screaming obscenities.

I feel like I should have told security. Does security handle this sort of thing often, or are

these just sports guys being sports guys? In Colorado, at least, it's always like that, so maybe it's the norm. How do you defuse such a situation? — *Cringing in Colorado*

Dear Cringe: First of all, hockey is anathema to me. The one time I went to see the Blackhawks, I watched for a while and blurted, "My God, they're on skates!" It is a violent sport, so I'm not surprised the spectators are prone to getting blotto.

My guess is that security does handle behavior they deem unacceptable, but, as you say, it may be the norm and therefore "acceptable." The answer for you I would think is to stay out of the nosebleed seats. — *Margo, puckishly*

Wondering 'What If?'

Dear Margo: A philosophical sociological

question for you: Is it wrong of me to think our culture might improve if, when one has caused harm, we had the suicide ethic of ancient Japan? — *Moose*

Dear Moo: I must admit this thought has occurred to me, as well. Too many people, most often in business or government, have overstepped so egregiously to enrich themselves or to accomplish an evil goal that, on a moral scorecard, the only appropriate compensatory gesture would seem to be to check out.

The reasons this will not happen, however, are 1) this was never a part of Western culture, and 2) often the miscreants have rationalized their actions so they feel neither shame nor guilt. (Hence the popularity of the "victimless crime" defense.) The old standby of "everyone does it" has

also diluted any sense of accountability.

Occasionally, even now, an Asian businessman who tanks a company will take himself out. ("To fall on one's sword" at one time was, literally, the way an Asian took responsibility for an action about which he felt guilt and remorse.)

I can live without people falling on their swords as the ultimate apology, but it would be nice if people who had blundered disastrously or clearly violated trust — public or private — would offer a mea culpa and make a stab at reparation. — *Margo, wistfully*

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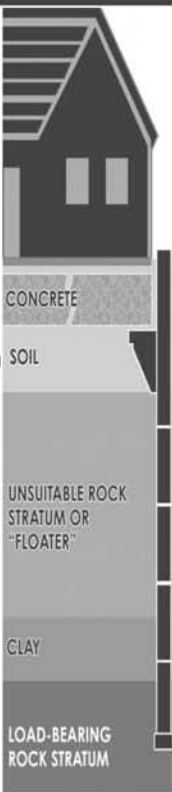
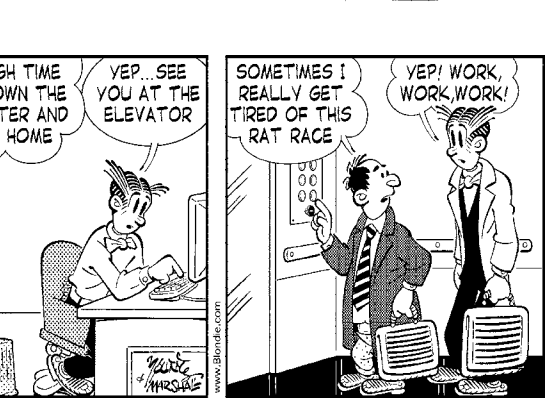
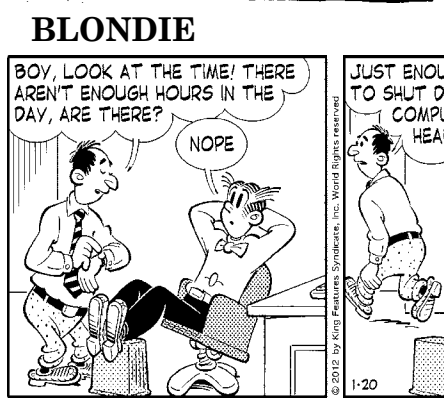
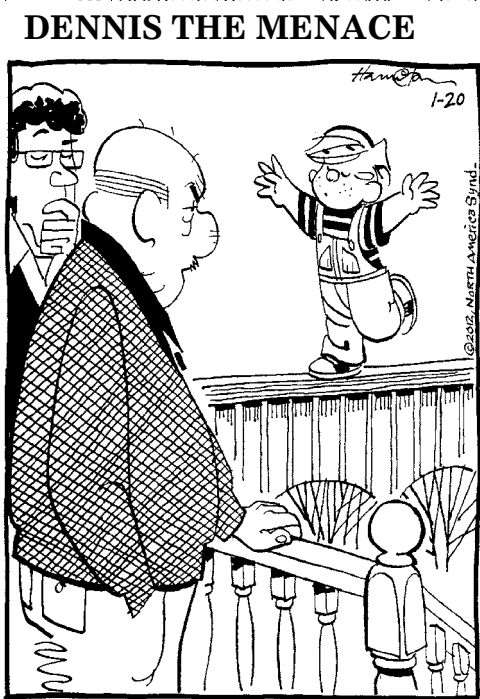


Table with 29 columns representing different TV channels (KMID, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLT, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KPBT, KWWT, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN) and rows listing programming schedules for each channel.



This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2012. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 20, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

On this date: In 1265, England's first representative Parliament, which included officials from districts, cities and boroughs, met for the first time.

In 1649, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason (he was found guilty and executed by month's end).

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died; he was succeeded by Edward VIII.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were sworn in for their second terms of office in a private Sunday ceremony (a public ceremony was held the next day).

In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th president of the United States.

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

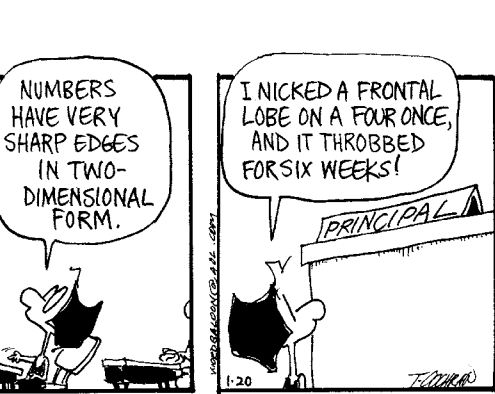
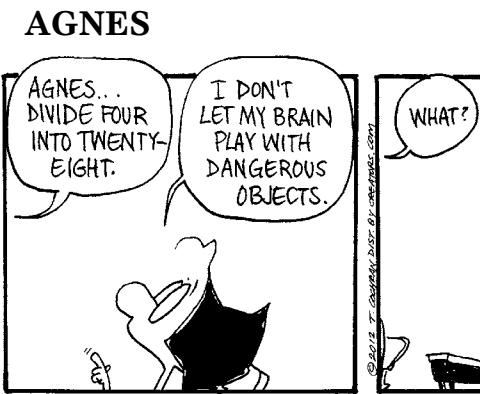
In 1992, an Air Inter Airbus A-320 crashed near Strasbourg, France, killing 87 of the 96 people on board.

In 2001, George Walker Bush became America's 43rd president after one of the most turbulent elections in U.S. history.

In 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th, as well as first African-

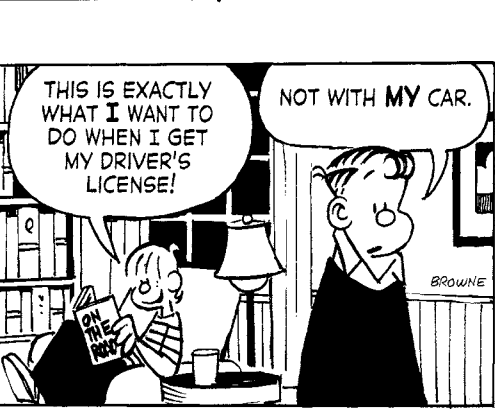
American, president. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Slim Whitman is 88. Comedian Arte Johnson is 83. Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 82. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 72. Singer Eric Stewart is 67. Movie director David Lynch is 66. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 65. Actor Daniel Benzali is 62. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 60. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 60. Comedian Bill Maher (M.A.R.) is 56. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 54. Actor James Denton is 49. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 47. Country singer John Michael Montgomery is 47.

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- 61 Home of the Wichita Mts. 62 Unconditional 63 Noun suffix 64 Cheerleading routine 65 What a battery may be made up of
- DOWN 1 Grammy nominee, maybe 2 Valhalla VIP 3 Farming prefix 4 Controls one's emotions 5 Handles OK 6 Start to stir 7 Depend (on) 8 Reversed one 9 Urban hail 10 Pitched perfectly 11 In good shape

- 12 That being the case 13 Luck and Pluck author 21 Part of NIMBY 22 Horse handler 25 Certain club members 26 October birthstone 27 Tat-tat preceder 28 In a frivolous way 29 Today's ABC rival 31 Protestant denom. 32 Matterhorn, for one 33 Put more at risk 34 Gigs on the road 35 Hagar the Horrible's daughter
- 36 Hitch 38 School at Athens, for short 39 DC baseballer 43 Martial-arts uniforms 44 Barely make 45 Stage fringe 46 Party paper 47 Sharpens 48 Telltale signs 49 Songbird sound 50 Stately 52 Bok __ (Chinese cabbage) 53 Seize 54 Goes bad 55 Online tech-news source 56 One of a matching set

Crossword grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for the clues.

